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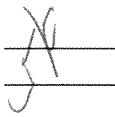
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Inabnet, Kay

From: Marchant, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2008 1:12 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate; *Legislative All Assembly
Subject: Former Representative John Volk
Importance: High

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Hello—

Please see the information below, regarding the passing of former Representative John Volk.

Rob

John Volk

November 23, 2008

John A. Volk, 93, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 23, 2008, at Nu-Roc Community Healthcare in Blackwell, WI. He was a long-time resident of the Town of Freedom in Forest County.

John was born to John and Alma Volk on the family farm in the Town of Freedom on September 28, 1915. He was raised there with his sister Helen, who preceded him in death. He attended school in Wabeno and graduated from Wabeno High School in 1932. He worked on his dad's potato farm and drove a truck, delivering potatoes around the state. During the early Depression years, John and a friend traveled to Detroit to find work. He returned to Wabeno after his dad's untimely death to work the family farm.

It was during the time that John was farming that he met Alice Sickler, a local teacher, through a friend who introduced them at the Freedom Cheese Factory. They were married in 1940. Their son John, Jr., (Butch) was born shortly after, and they packed him in a car and traveled to California, where John worked in an aircraft plant and shipyards during the war. Their second son, Gene, was born in California. They returned to Wisconsin in 1943, where they ran the family dairy farm until John retired in the early 80s. In addition to John, Jr., (Nancy) and Gene, they welcomed two more sons and two daughters to the family: Jim (Julie), Jan (Nancy), Faye (Jim Tuszka), and Donna (Don Tucker).

John was not only a highly respected, hardworking, and successful dairy farmer, but he also served on the Freedom Town Board and Forest County Board in the late 40s and on the Wabeno School Board from 1952-1975. John's outside passion was flying. He owned a small airplane, which he housed at the Crandon airport. Many a Sunday afternoon, John would get away from the farm to pursue his flying passion. He also became an instructor, and there are many men in the area who were taught to fly by John Volk. John was a member of the International Aerobatics Club and the Experimental Aircraft Association. He enjoyed many trips to the Oshkosh EAA with family and friends and often went to watch his son-in-law in aerobatic competitions in Fond-du-lac and throughout the region. He served as an aerobatic judge for many of these competitions.

One of John's dreams was to serve in public office. He had that opportunity after he retired from farming. On somewhat of a whim, he decided to pursue a seat on the Wisconsin State Assembly in a special election in June of 1983. Much to his surprise, he won! He served the 36th Assembly District faithfully and with great integrity for seven years.

During their later years, John and Alice enjoyed getting in the car, often with their son Gene, and traveling around the country—especially the Southwest and West.

John is survived by his wife Alice; five of his six children (son Gene preceded him in death); nine grandchildren: Robert (Tabitha) Volk, Jeff Volk and special friend Kathy, Lisa (Jim) Coffey, Lori (Lee) Mattern, Chris (Michelle) Volk, Shawn (Deb) Volk, Luke Tuszka, and Adam and Ben Tucker; eleven great-grandchildren: Matt and Jack Volk; Andy (Tara) Coffey, Julia Coffey, and Hannah Coffey; Christie and Morgan Mattern; Myla and Yukon Volk; and Max and Mitchell Volk; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Friday, November 28, 2008, from 4 to 7 P.M., at the Suminski Funeral Home, (715-473-3131) Wabeno. The visitation will continue on Saturday Nov. 29 at the funeral home from 9:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wabeno, at 11 A.M., with Father David Schmidt officiating.

Interment is in St. Ambrose Catholic Cemetery. Honoring John as pallbearers will be his grandsons Rob, Jeff, Chris, Shawn, Luke, and Adam.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Nu-Roc Community Healthcare for their kind and compassionate care of John during his residency at their facility. Online condolences to suminskifuneral.com

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Relating to: the life and public service of John A. Volk. ^{the}

Whereas, John A. Volk was born on September 28, 1915, in ^{the} Town of Freedom, Wisconsin, and died on November 23, 2008, in Blackwell, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, John A. Volk attended school in Wabeno and graduated from Wabeno High School in 1932; and

Whereas, John A. Volk married Alice Sickler in 1940; and

Whereas, John A. Volk served on the Freedom Town Board and Forest County Board in the late 1940s and on the Wabeno School Board from 1952 to 1975; and

> Whereas, John A. Volk was elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in a special election in June of 1983, serving in the 1983 through 1989 sessions; and

> Whereas, during his tenure in the Legislature, Mr. Volk was chair of the Rural Development and Forestry ^{in the} committee ^{session} (1989), vice-chair of the Education ^{session} committee (1985), and co-chair of the Joint ^{Survey} Committee on Retirement System ^{in the} (1985 and 1989) sessions;

now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that John A. Volk contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and ^{be it further}

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Mr. Volk's wife, Alice.

Duerst, Christina

From: Inabnet, Kay
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2009 10:11 AM
To: LRB.Legal
Subject: Draft Review: LRB 09-2040/1 Topic: Rep. John Volk

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